

# **Washington State Patrol**

## **Media Release**

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### **Operation Pumpkin Patrol**

The Washington State Patrol will be conducting its 1<sup>st</sup> annual “Pumpkin Patrol” starting tonight through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Troopers will be patrolling area roadways to insure safe passage of all children participating in Halloween activities. The second and equally important part of the “Pumpkin Patrol” emphasis will be the apprehension of driver’s driving under the influence.

Troopers will be out in full force looking for DUI drivers. All available troopers as well as the WSP DUI Squad will be working hard to prevent DUI related collisions from occurring. Motorists should expect to see an increased law enforcement presence on all area roadways. Trooper will have a zero tolerance policy for driver found operating vehicles under the influence. Motorists are asked to plan ahead and make alternate arrangements for transportation if they plan to drink.

Citizens are encouraged to report DUI violations by dialing 911. If possible callers should try to get the vehicles license plate number, color, make and driver description. The WSP is committed to preventing DUI related collisions and keeping everyone safe while traveling.

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